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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAVY SPECIAL PROJECT R3-74 REPAIR

REF A. NASSAU 1274 (DTG 151346Z JUN 78)
B. NASSAU 1275 (DTG 151347Z JUN 78)
C. NASSAU 1341 (DTG 212013Z JUN 78)
D. STATE 151004 (DTG 141844Z JUN 78)

1. NLO ATTENDED NORFOLK MEETING BETWEEN NAVOCEANSYS COMPLANT
AND COMCBLANT ON 28 JUN 78.

2. REPAIRS TO EXISTING RUNWAY SURFACE ARE SCHEDULED AS
FOLLOWS:
20 JULY - BEGIN RESURFACING TAXIWAY AND PARKING AREA
20 AUG - 4 OCT - RESURFACE RUNWAY

3. DURING THE RUNWAY RESURFACING, PART OF THE RUNWAY
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AS
FOLLOWS:
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - 0800-1000
FRIDAYS - 1200-1400
ALL OTHER DAYS - CLOSED
5-19 SEPT - CLOSED (DURING THIS PERIOD THE CENTER OF THE
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RUNWAY WILL BE REPAIRED.)

4. DURING THE MEETING IT WAS LEARNED THAT DUE TO
ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, THE RUNWAY WAS TO BE RE-
SURFACED WITH A "COLD-MIX" COMPOUND THAT
HAS NEVER BEEN USED BEFORE ON AN ACTIVE RUNWAY.
NO ONE AT THE MEETING WAS ABLE TO GIVE AN OPINION

AS TO WHETHER THIS SURFACE WOULD BE ABLE TO STAND UP UNDER USE BY HEAVY AIRCRAFT, OR WHAT LOAD THE EXISTING RUNWAY SURFACE COULD SUSTAIN.

5. IN VIEW OF REFTEL (D) AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AIRFIELD TO THE CGOC OUT ISLAND TOURISM PROGRAM, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE MAKE THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT ADVISE GCOB ACCORDINGLY:

- A) WHAT WEIGHT AIRCRAFT WILL ELEUTHERA AIRFIELD ACCOMMODATE AS IS.
- B) WHAT WEIGHT AIRCRAFT WILL THE NEW SURFACE BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE.
- C) WHAT SURFACE WILL GCOB NEED TO PUT DOWN TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH NEW SURFACE.

6. ADDITIONALLY, IN VIEW OF GCOB DESIRES TO UPGRADE THE AIRFIELD AND USG CONCURRENCE (REFTEL D) EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A WASHINGTON REVIEW OF WHETHER WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE NEW SURFACE IF, IN FACT, THE NEW SURFACE WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE LARGE JET AIRCRAFT.

7. GCOB HAS REQUESTED A MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS AIRFIELD AND HAS INDICATED 27 JULY IN NASSAU AS AN ACCEPTABLE DATE/PLACE. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO
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APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THIS DATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE AND IF PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE TECHNICALITIES OF EXPANDING THE RUNWAY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND.
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